



This Week at PCL

Thursday, August 21, 2025

This Sunday



ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 24

"Prophets at the Threshold"

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Rev. Mike Eller

**Bulletin attached*

SUNDAY'S LEADERS

Elder—Tom Topousis

2nd Reader—Linda McGarry

Greeter—Vicky Li

Ushers—Susan & Pete Shanno

A Word from Pastor Mike

Hey, Friends!

The Summer is winding to a close. Many are starting to transition back to school. This coming Sunday, we will be having our Blessing of the Backpacks. If you have a child who will be attending school in the Fall, consider having them bring their backpacks with supplies to worship. If worshipping online, plan to have your backpacks and supplies nearby.

We are in the final day(s) to register for Camp Johnsonburg (Sept. 6-7). If you still plan to attend one or both days, please get in touch with me or Rachel Stott as soon as possible. We'll be turning in our numbers and dietary information as soon as tomorrow.

Be safe and prioritize rest in all of your remaining Summer travels. Our family is away these few days for our own rest and recovery. I look forward to worshipping with you all on Sunday!

Have a restful week!

Pastor Mike

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General Office Hours

Pastor's Office

Mon-Thurs: 10-3 pm

Sun: *Schedule with Mike*

Coming Up

Blessing of the Backpacks—THIS SUNDAY



This Sunday, please have your student(s) **bring their backpacks filled with supplies** to worship to be blessed as they begin a new school year.

If worshipping online, plan to have your backpack and materials nearby during the service.

**September Fall Retreat @ Camp
Johnsonburg—DEADLINE TO REGISTER
TOMORROW!**



September 6-7

*****Registration deadline tomorrow, Aug. 22*****

SIGN-UP FORM

The retreat will begin Saturday around 9am and last until after lunch on Sunday (tentative schedule below).

For information about the camp and directions you can go to the Camp's website: www.campjburg.org.

General (Tentative) Saturday Schedule:

Morning—Large Group Activity, Small Group, Kids Activities

12 noon—Lunch

Afternoon—Free time, Lake Swim, Hiking, Labyrinth Walk

Evening—Dinner, Campfire, Storytelling, Songs, Night Time Games

General (Tentative) Sunday Schedule:

Morning—Breakfast, Discussion, Kids' Activity

10:30 am—Worship with Communion

12 noon—Lunch & Dismissal

Tiered Pricing

Prices listed below are per person (adults and children). *Please pay as much as you are able!* The first price has some cushion built in so others who have fewer financial resources can attend. The middle price is the true cost. The last price is the discounted cost. On the registration form, you'll indicate which price to pay.

Overnight—\$190 / \$160 / \$50 pp

Saturday Only—\$95 / \$85 / \$30 pp

Sunday Only, w/ lunch—\$20 pp

If cost is an issue please reach out to Pastor Mike, revmike@leoniapres.org or Rachel Stott, stott.rachel@gmail.com.

Ways to Pay

Check*: Write "*Fall Retreat*" on memo line.

Cash*: Write name and "*Fall Retreat*" on envelope.

Online: Go to [LeoniaPres.org](https://leoniapres.org); Click [GIVE NOW](#); Select "Give to Retreat".

*Place in **offering plate** on Sunday or give to Pastor Mike, Rachel Stott, or Pat Major.

Pontoon Boat River Tour—Aug. 26 ****Date Change****



This **Tues., Aug. 26 (5:30pm)**, we will be going on a guided pontoon boat tour along the Hackensack River and its marshes. Boat tours last approximately 2 hours and leave from River Barge Park in Carlstadt.

COST: Free, donations accepted (suggested, \$5 or \$10 per person).

If interested: reach out to Nancy Salvati (nancys@nj.rr.com) or Mike Eller (revmike@leoniapres.org), or sign-up on the board this Sunday!

Read more...

An experienced tour guide will talk about the history of the river and its tributaries, including its natural and man-made features, and look for birds and other wildlife that inhabit the marshes. The free, leisurely tours are a great way to see nature up-close and gain a new appreciation of the natural beauty of the Meadowlands and its unique urban eco-system.

More Announcements

A Birthday Surprise for Joyce Hamlin

Next Saturday, Aug. 30, a group will be leaving from the church (maybe carpooling) around 1:30 pm to go and celebrate Joyce Hamlin's birthday with ice cream at her facility. If you're interested in going along, please contact Vicky Li (vlnamnyak@gmail.com) by next Wednesday, Aug. 27.

Joys and Concerns

Prayer for those **traveling** during these Summer months.

Praying with **Mineko** for her **Aunt and Uncle**, for them to feel the peace of Christ.

Prayers for **Susan and Pete's friend, Pauletta**, whose husband died suddenly.

Prayers for **students and teachers** who are starting a new school year.

Prayers for those areas of **our world** affected by conflict and war.

We're celebrating **Laura Collins** who celebrated her 37th birthday on Tuesday!

Give Online

Calendar



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